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Campbell’s bill permanently prevents the creation of new state and local taxes on internet access, and it bans taxes that discriminate against internet commerce. The existing moratorium on these taxes was created in 1998 as part of the Internet Tax Freedom Act, but this moratorium is set to expire at the end of 2007. Campbell’s bill will ensure this important tax ban becomes permanent.

“The ban on new internet taxes has been an important factor in its growth. If we make this ban permanent we will ensure that this growth continues without harmful interference by the government,” concluded Campbell.

Campbell introduced similar legislation as a member of the California legislature. The Internet Tax Freedom Act was previously introduced in Congress by Campbell’s predecessor in California’s 48th Congressional District, former Rep. and current Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Chris Cox.

Campbell’s legislation was introduced with 44 original cosponsors.